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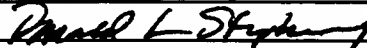
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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR BLOCKING HIGHLY SCATTERED CHARGED PARTICLES IN A PATTERNED BEAM IN CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM MICROLITHOGRAPHY SYSTEM

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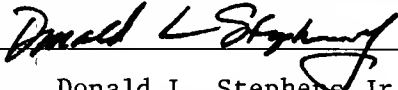
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